

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on September 21, 2004. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the case.

Claims 1, 11, and 12 were amended to better claim the invention.

No new Claims were added.

At Paragraph 1 of the Office Action, Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Amendment of Claim 12 is believed to satisfy this rejection.

Also Claim 11 was amended to better claim the invention.

At Paragraph 2 of the Office Action, Claims 1-9 and 12 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U. S. Patent No. 6,144,637. Also, Claims 10-11 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 7 of U. S. Patent No. 6,144,637.

A Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith is believed to satisfy the rejections under double patenting.

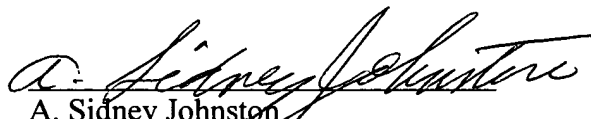
All independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

All dependent claims are dependent from independent claims which are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, all dependent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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